Summary of Motions made at the April 20, 2012 Meeting of the Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Commission

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Hardship Waiver Authority to Executive Secretary

Commission moved and withdrew its April 11, 2012, motion on hardship waiver authority to the Executive Director of the Commission.

Commission moved to allow the Executive Secretary to handle hardship waiver request cases as she sees fit. In the event that there is a filer who is dissatisfied with the Executive Secretary's decision we allow that filer to make a written appeal to the Commission.

Note: Instructions will be posted on the Commission website on how to submit a hardship waiver request and how to appeal a hardship waiver decision to the Commission.

Candidates and Elected Officials Late Filed and Non-Filed Campaign Contribution Disclosure Reports which were due between January 1, 2011 and April 11, 2012

Commission moved and withdrew its April 11, 2012, motion on candidates and elected officials late filed and non-filed campaign contribution disclosure reports and personal financial disclosure reports.

Commission moved that candidates and elected officials who late filed or non-filed campaign contribution disclosure report(s) which were due between January 1, 2011 and April 11, 2012 that:

- 1. This motion only applies to campaign contribution disclosure reports that had nothing to report during the applicable filing period which fell between January 1, 2011 and April 11, 2012.
- 2. This motion only applies to those candidate's or elected official's reports due between January 1, 2011 and April 11, 2012 that have outstanding late fees owed and had nothing to report.
- 3. This motion shall not retroactively apply to those who have already paid their late fees or to any individual who entered into a consent or compliance order involving campaign contribution disclosure reports due between January 1, 2011 and April 11, 2012.
- 4. A single \$125.00 late fee will be assessed to each individual candidate or elected official that, as of April 11, 2012, incurred late fee(s) for report(s) due between January 1, 2011 and April 11, 2012 which had nothing to report.
- 5. Candidates or elected officials that have incurred late fee(s) for late or non-filed reports due between January 1, 2011 and April 11, 2012, will receive a statutorily required notice of the late or non-filed report(s) stating that a \$125.00 late fee is owed.
- 6. This motion does not relieve candidates or elected officials that have not filed the statutorily required campaign contribution disclosure reports due between January 1, 2011 and April 11, 2012 from the statutory requirement of filing the required campaign contribution disclosure reports.
- 7. This motion does not relieve candidates or elected officials from any other enforcement action available to the public or the Commission under the Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Act.

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Non-Candidate Committees Late Filed and Non-Filed Campaign Contribution Disclosure Reports which were due between January 1, 2011 and April 11, 2012

Commission moved and withdrew its April 11, 2012, motion on non-candidate committees late filed and non-filed campaign contribution disclosure reports.

Commission moved that non-candidate committees who late filed or non-filed campaign contribution disclosure report(s) which were due between January 1, 2011 and April 11, 2012 that:

- 1. This motion only applies to campaign contribution disclosure reports that had nothing to report during the applicable filing period which fell between January 1, 2011 and April 11, 2012.
- 2. This motion only applies to those non-candidate committee's reports due between January 1, 2011 and April 11, 2012 that have outstanding late fees owed and had nothing to report.
- 3. This motion shall not retroactively apply to those who have already paid their late fees or to any non-candidate committee that entered into a consent or compliance order involving campaign contribution disclosure reports due between January 1, 2011 and April 11, 2012.
- 4. A single \$125.00 late fee will be assessed to each individual non-candidate committee that, as of April 11, 2012, incurred late fee(s) for report(s) due between January 1, 2011 and April 11, 2012 which had nothing to report.
- 5. Non-candidate committees that have incurred late fee(s) for late or non-filed reports due between January 1, 2011 and April 11, 2012, will receive a statutorily required notice of the late or non-filed report(s) stating that a \$125.00 late fee is owed.
- 6. This motion does not relieve non-candidate committees that have not filed the statutorily required campaign contribution disclosure reports due between January 1, 2011 and April 11, 2012 from the statutory requirement of filing the required campaign contribution disclosure reports.
- 7. This motion does not relieve non-candidate committees from any other enforcement action available to the public or the Commission under the Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Act.

Candidates and Elected Officials Late Filed and Non-Filed Personal Financial Disclosure Reports which were due between January 1, 2011 and April 11, 2012

Commission moved to withdraw its April 11, 2012, motion on personal financial disclosures.

Commission moved that candidates and elected officials who late filed or non-filed their personal financial disclosure report which was due between January 1, 2011 and April 11, 2012 that:

- 1. This motion only applies to those candidate's or elected official's personal financial disclosure report due between January 1, 2011 and April 11, 2012 that have outstanding late fees owed.
- 2. This motion shall not retroactively apply to those who have already paid their late fees or to any individual who entered into a consent or compliance order involving the personal financial disclosure report due between January 1, 2011 and April 11, 2012.
- 3. A single \$125.00 late fee will be assessed to each individual candidate or elected official that, as of April 11, 2012, incurred late fee(s) for personal financial disclosure report due between January 1, 2011 and April 11, 2012.

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- 4. Candidates or elected officials that have incurred late fee(s) for late or non-filed personal financial disclosure report due between January 1, 2011 and April 11, 2012, will receive a statutorily required notice of the late or non-filed report stating that a \$125.00 late fee is owed.
- 5. This motion does not relieve candidates or elected officials that have not filed the statutorily required personal financial disclosure report due between January 1, 2011 and April 11, 2012 from the statutory requirement of filing the required personal financial disclosure report.
- 6. This motion does not relieve candidates or elected officials from any other enforcement action available to the public or the Commission under the Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Act.

Lobbyists Late Filed and Non-Filed Lobbyist Disclosure Reports which were due between January 1, 2011 and April 11, 2012

Commission moved to withdraw its April 11, 2012, motion on late filed lobbyist reports.

Commission moved that lobbyists who late filed or non-filed lobbyist disclosure reports which were due between January 1, 2011 and April 11, 2012 that:

- 1. This motion only applies to lobbyist disclosure reports that had nothing to report during the statutorily required filing periods which fell between January 1, 2011 and April 11, 2012.
- 2. This motion only applies to those lobbyist's reports due between January 1, 2011 and April 11, 2012, have outstanding late fees owed and had nothing to report.
- 3. This motion shall not retroactively apply to those who have already paid their late fees and/or to any lobbyist who entered into a consent or compliance order involving lobbyist disclosure reports due between January 1, 2011 and April 11, 2012.
- 4. A \$275.00 late fee **per** late filed and non-filed report will be assessed to each individual lobbyist that, as of April 11, 2012, incurred late fee(s) for report(s) due between January 1, 2011 and April 11, 2012 which had nothing to report.
- 5. This motion does not relieve lobbyists that have not filed the statutorily required lobbyist disclosure reports due between January 1, 2011 and April 11, 2012 from the statutory requirement of filing the required lobbyist disclosure reports.
- 6. Lobbyists who late filed or non-filed lobbyist disclosure reports which were due between January 1, 2011 and April 11, 2012 will receive an electronic notice of this late fee(s) owed.
- 7. This motion does not relieve lobbyists from any other enforcement action available to the public or the Commission under the Georgia Government Transparency and Campaign Finance Act.

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